

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

NORTH CENTRAL MIDDLE

Kershaw County

Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 374

Principal: Burchell Richardson Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.

PERFORMANCE

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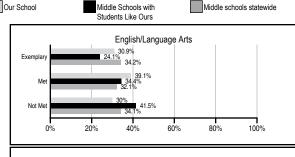
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Average	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

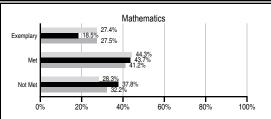
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

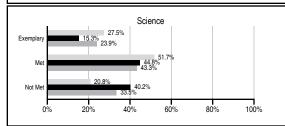
EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	32	14	2

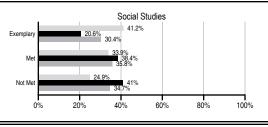
^{*} Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

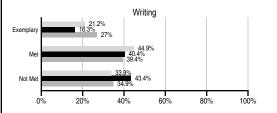












NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

28	45					
	45	25	2			
25	43	29	3			
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced ■ Below Basic □ Basic □ Proficient ■ Advanced						
MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)						
30	38	25	7			
28	39	26	8 [
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced						
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SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2009)						
South Carolina		45	32	22	1	
Nation		38	33	28	1	
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced						
■ Below Basic □ Basic □ Proficient ■ Advanced						
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011						

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% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours				
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	94.9				
English 1	100.0	89.9				
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	N/A	93.1				
Physical Science	N/A	46.2				
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A				
All Subjects	100.0	93.6				

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

NORTH CENTRAL MIDDLE [Kershaw County] **SCHOOL PROFILE**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=374)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	10.8%	Down from 12.4%	16.8%	24.5%
Retention rate	0.3%	Down from 0.5%	0.6%	0.7%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.4%	95.7%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	13.0%	Down from 15.7%	12.2%	17.8%
With disabilities other than speech	6.3%	Down from 10.9%	10.6%	9.2%
Older than usual for grade	1.4%	Down from 3.5%	2.3%	1.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.1%	Up from 0.5%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=28)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	85.7%	Up from 81.5%	56.4%	60.0%
Continuing contract teachers	96.4%	Up from 88.9%	78.1%	82.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.9%	Up from 83.1%	82.6%	85.6%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 97.5%	95.1%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,108	Up 1.7%	\$44,986	\$46,300
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.7%	Down from 5.7%	1.4%	1.2%
Professional development days/teacher	10.3 days	Down from 13.9 days	11.1 days	9.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.3 to 1	Down from 20.9 to 1	20.5 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.4%	Down from 92.6%	90.3%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	94.2%	Down from 96.6%	97.0%	98.1%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,634	Down 11.4%	\$8,184	\$7,634
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	64.4%	Down from 64.7%	64.1%	64.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.1%	Up from 62.1%	60.3%	61.2%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	No Change	72.4%	80.5%

^{*} Length of contract = 185+ days.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	34	108	64
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	86.8%	89.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	88.0%	93.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	73.5%	92.5%	87.3%

^{*}Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This has been another good year at North Central Middle School. The school offers a safe, structured, nurturing environment that encourages excellence in achievement. We offer a challenging, relevant, and standards-driven curriculum supported by a highly effective and efficient faculty and staff.

North Central had many accomplishments for the 2010-2011 school year. Our school was awarded the Palmetto Silver Award for improved academic performance as well as for closing the achievement gap. Students from North Central Middle School won honors in writing contests. Our students placed in the Elks Lodge essay contest, Patriot Pen and the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest. One of our students won the district Superintendent Writing contest. Our school Geography Bee winner qualified for the National Geographic Society's state contest. A variety of programs were continued in order to encourage outstanding achievement which included Pride of the Principal, Patriot Pride Club, North Central's Finest, Patriot Partners, Honor Roll and Academic Award Programs.

Our theme for this year was "Readers today, Leaders tomorrow." To enhance that theme, the Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) program begins each school day. The Birthday Book program gives each and every student a book on his or her birthday in an effort to encourage pleasure reading. The library staff encourages reading through the Patriot Read program and the Genre Card program. An early morning homework center and afterschool program offered students opportunities to improve their academic performances.

Positive parental involvement continues to increase. Parents participated in large numbers in career conferences and Open House, and served as monitors during PASS testing. Our school was awarded grants from the International Paper Company. North Central was the second school in the state to become a Natural Resource School.

A majority of our faculty members hold advanced degrees, and four of our faculty members are National Board Certified. Our faculty members are highly trained to use the new technological systems available to them. Our school is completely accredited by the state and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

The faculty continues to work hard on reaching PASS improvement goals. Through the use of standards-based curriculum, our faculty is determined to offer a dynamic academic program for our students. Students receive daily instruction in language arts, math, science and social studies and have the opportunity to take a variety of related arts classes each quarter. Our motto, "Best Students, Best Teachers, Best School," certainly describes North Central Middle School.

Dr. Burch Richardson, Principal Mrs. Lori Pate, School Improvement Council Chairperson

^{**} Prior year audited financial data available.